Appendix B Comprehensive Transportation Plan Definitions

Highway Map

For visual depiction of facility types for the following CTP classification, visit http://www.ncdot.gov/doh/preconstruct/tpb/SHC/facility/.

Facility Type Definitions

Freeways

- Functional purpose high mobility, high volume, high speed
- Posted speed 55 mph or greater
- Cross section minimum four lanes with continuous median
- Multi-modal elements High Occupancy Vehicles (HOV)/High Occupancy Transit (HOT) lanes, busways, truck lanes, park-and-ride facilities at/near interchanges, adjacent shared use paths (separate from roadway and outside ROW)
- Type of access control full control of access
- Access management interchange spacing (urban one mile; non-urban three miles); at interchanges on the intersecting roadway, full control of access for 1,000ft or for 350ft plus 650ft island or median; use of frontage roads, rear service roads
- Intersecting facilities interchange or grade separation (no signals or at-grade intersections)
- Driveways not allowed

Expressways

- Functional purpose high mobility, high volume, medium-high speed
- Posted speed 45 to 60 mph
- Cross section minimum four lanes with median
- Multi-modal elements HOV lanes, busways, very wide paved shoulders (rural), shared use paths (separate from roadway but within ROW)
- Type of access control limited or partial control of access;
- Access management minimum interchange/intersection spacing 2,000ft; median breaks only at intersections with minor roadways or to permit U-turns; use of frontage roads, rear service roads; driveways limited in location and number; use of acceleration/deceleration or right turning lanes
- Intersecting facilities interchange; at-grade intersection for minor roadways; right-in/right-out and/or left-over or grade separation (no signalization for through traffic)
- Driveways right-in/right-out only; direct driveway access via service roads or other alternate connections